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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA

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1. RASISED KOREAN ITEM WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM OCT 9 IN CONTINUED ABSENCE FONMIN RAMPHAL. GAVE HIM TEXT PROPOSED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND MADE BRIEF ORAL ARGUMENTATION BASED ON REFTEL.

2. BURNHAM CLAIMED BE UNAWARE OF ALGIERS RESOLUTION ON KOREA, BUT NODDED WITH APPARENT UNDERSTANDING WHEN I OBSERVED IT COULD HARDLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS NON-ALIGNED. MADE INTERESTING OBSERVATION ABOUT SUCH INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN GENERAL TO EFFECT THAT US HAD A PROBLEM IN THAT ITS FRIENDS, OR AT LEAST THOSE INCLINED TO MORE MODERATE VIEWS, AS A RULE FAILED SHOW UP, ESPECIALLY IN DRAFTING COMMITTEES, AND IT DIFFICULT FOR ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES, IN ABSENCE ANY SUPPORT, EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO CHARGES OF BEING US PUPPETS BY SEEMING TO OPPOSE RADICAL CONSENSUS.

3. BURNHAM COMMENTED THAT HE WAS NOT SO SURE AS BEFORE ABOUT NORTH KOREANS. DESPITE THE PROTESTATIONS OF SEVERAL MISSIONS WHICH HAD VISITED HERE, HE WONDERED WHETHER THEY WERENOT
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PERHAPS MORE UNDER MOSCOW'S CONTROL THAN HE HAD THOUGHT.

MADAME BANDARANAIKE HAD APPARENTLY PPLANTED THIS THOUGHT WITH HIM AT ALGIERS. I REMINDED HIM OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN MEXICO. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE ARGUEMENT THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA CONSTITUTED AN OBSTACLE TO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON UNIFICATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS. I WENT OVER US VIEW AGAIN.

4. IN THE END, BURNHAM SAID HE WOULD THINK ABOUT KOREAN PROBLEM AND DISCUSS IT WITH RAMPHAL WHEN HE RETURNED AT END OF MONTH. SUGGESTED I DO LIKEWISE.

5. COMMENT: AS DEP APPARENTLY APPRECIATES, ODDS ARE THAT GUYANA WILL FOLLOW NOW ELL ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF SUPPORTING SOLIDLY NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS ON ALMOST ANY SUBJECT AND THUS VOTE FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THERE IS SLIM CHANCE, HOWEVER, OF A SHIFT TO ABSTENTION. WE SHALL DO OUR BEST WHEN RAMPHAL RETURNS. KING

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